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DEPARTMENT ORDER # 10-24

UNION DEFENDER'S DAY

In accordance with the motions adopted in 1889 at the 8th National Encampment of the SUVCW in Patterson, NJ, I reaffirm February 12th, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, as Union Defender's Day in the Department of New York. The Camps of the Department of New York are encouraged to mark the event with appropriate ceremonies and activities. In our conduct let us remember the example of the Great Emancipator who was martyred for making all men free.

Occurring near to this event is also National Freedom Day on February 1st which commemorates Abraham Lincoln's signing of the joint resolution which would go on to be ratified as the 13th Amendment abolishing the institution of chattel slavery in the United States of America. Presidents' Day on February 17th which honors the memory of our Founding Father George Washington.

Camps are encouraged to document any Union Defender's Days observances and forward the results to this office.

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